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LABOR AND THE FARMERS

Persistent efforts by representatives of organized labor, notably Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to secure a coalition with the great farmers' organization of the country have resulted in failure. One of the most notable instances of this is the attempt made to secure co-operation of the Patrons of Husbandry—the Grange—probably the strongest single farmers' organization, at the National Grange session in Grand Rapids, Mich., last month. The National Grange rejected the proposition that it co-operate with organized labor, not even consenting to a conference. The labor organizations, however, did succeed in making an alliance with what is known among the real farmers as an "organization on paper," headed by a man expelled from the National Grange nine or ten years ago, and this "paper organization" affiliation with a small insurgent coterie is being worked to the utmost in statements and propaganda setting forth "action by farmers" to secure continued Federal control of the railroads; and other such measures which the Grange itself would not take up with the Federation.

The reason for the real farmers' organization refusing to "team" with the American Federation of Labor in its 44-hour week campaign, and with the railroad brotherhoods, of the Plumb plan are perfectly plain. "Produce, produce, produce," is the watchword of the Grange and kindred organizations of farmers. "Reduce, reduce, reduce," is the way they regard the tendency of the men who seek coalition with them. The real farmers, for themselves, want to be allowed to produce more crops, raise more cattle, more sheep, more wool. From the mechanic they want greater production of iron, of steel, of machinery. From the textile workers they want more yards of cloth and from the shoe workers, more shoes manufactured. By the miners they wish to see more coal and iron ore brought to the surface. From the railroad employees the farmers want better service, more trains running on time, fewer free passes issued to families of employees, less wasted time and, incidentally, less freight tariffs.

The farmers believe these matters cannot be brought about under present conditions, with an 8-hour-day or a 44-hour week. As to the eight-hour day, the farmers say, "We work two such days every twenty-four hours." The representative farmers are willing to do their part in the great work of rehabilitation following the world war. They refuse to have anything to do with any effort to curtail production, and will not permit Mr. Gompers or his associates to speak for them on the railroad situation or any other proposition—Money and Commerce.

UNSEATING SOCOALISTS

The second denial of a seat in the House of Representatives to Victor Berger, a defiant disloyalist, should be and will be practically universally approved, but as to the unseating of five Socialist members of the New York legislature by an almost unanimous vote of Republican and Democratic members there is room for a difference of opinion. It is obvious that the five men should not have been unseated merely because they are Socialists. The justice of the action depends on whether it is true, as charged, that the five Socialists openly affiliated with Bolshevism and supported the latter in its plans to subvert our government by violent methods.

American Socialism brought suspicion on itself by the unpatriotic attitude of its national conventions during the war. This suspicion has been deepened by the affiliation of individual Socialists with a violently seditious Bolshevism. It is well to remember, however, that Socialism itself, or the pre-war brand, advocated new governmental policies by peaceful means only, in the form of arguments, circulated literature and political party campaigns. Such Socialism is legitimate and has long been so regarded both in this country and

in Europe, where Socialist parties have attained large proportions and regularly sent their representatives into the national forums. It must be recognized, however, that if legitimate Socialism wishes to survive it must have to clear its skirts and stand distinctly apart from seditious Bolshevism.

CORRECTING DISCRIMINATION.

The Act of Congress providing pensions for widows of volunteers in the Spanish war stipulates that their husbands must have served at least 90 days "during" that war. In the case of Regulars they must have rendered 90 days' military service "in" the War with Spain. The Pension Bureau has ruled that "in" means at the fighting front. The result has been a very unfair discrimination against the widows of Spanish War regulars. Widows of volunteers have been granted pensions while the widows of regulars who performed exactly similar service are denied a pensionable status. Congressman William N. Vaile of Colorado has actively interested himself in securing legislation that would correct the matter. Recently he was able to amend a pension bill that the House had under consideration in such a way that the widows of Spanish War regulars will, in the future receive the same consideration as to pensions that is now given to the widows of volunteers.

INCREASED R. R. EXPENSES

Commenting upon the increased expenses of the railroad administration even in the face of decreased business, the New York Sun says that "it is this pouring of the gross revenue into a bottomless pit of expenses which has brought the American railway system face to face with ruin." Just now the Democratic Administration is paying railway deficits out of the treasury. After the wrecked remains are turned over to private owners, it will be necessary to raise rates in order to get the roads back on a business basis. Then the Democrats will charge that return to private ownership was what necessitated the raise in rates—ignoring the results of their own mismanagement and the huge sums they took from the treasury by direct taxes upon the people instead of securing the railroad revenue by charges in the usual way.

EDGE INTERROGATES WOOD

Senator Edge of New Jersey has addressed a letter to Gen. Wood asking his views regarding the future of our merchant marine. "One of the fundamental questions," said Senator Edge "is whether the Government shall continue to construct, conduct, and maintain a merchant marine, willing to pay taxes in order to maintain it, or charging almost prohibitive freight rates to show a paper profit, or dispose of it to private interests under reasonable conditions and regulations."

WOW!

A prominent business' house in Chicago pints at the bottom of its stationery the warning, "Not responsible for loss of goods when ordered sent by mail." Mr. Burleson should sue for libel or acknowledge the appropriateness of the slam at his service.

TO CONSERVE FUEL

As a practical means for conserving the fuel supply of the United States Representative Dyer of Missouri has introduced a bill to prohibit for five years the export of coal, culm, slack, shale, and coke.

Every time Berger's district re-elects Berger it shows itself to be as disloyal as he, so no wonder it is urged that the disfranchisement of the district should follow the second unseating of Berger.

Fear of winning as well as fear of losing may help to prevent further wars. As Lloyd-George puts it, in one particular it makes little difference who wins for all will be ruined.

The number of persons with an openly aspiring eye on the White House is so great that it looks as if the most important business of 1920 will be shifting.

It is predicted that when London goes dry its East end will rise in revolution, a prognostication doubtless in part based on what has happened in Russia since vodka was abolished.

The raid of the "Reds" was further justified by its rich harvest of rifles, pistols, bayonets, knives and bombs.

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MENTAL RELIEF IN DREAMS

Averred by Scientists That They Act as a Sort of Safety Valve to the Emotions.

A curious fact brought to light by the study of dream psychology is that, as a rule, the really great and profound sorrows of the day do not follow us into the realm of sleep. In our dream of the night there is always some experience or thought of the day, preceding which sets the dream machinery going it is true. It may be something which has only incidentally been taken cognizance of by our waking consciousness and can only be traced back by a minute and careful analysis of the dream. But, as a rule, the great sorrow and anxiety of the day does not mingle with the dream emotions, say the scientists. This is explained on the theory that our emotions with regard to our great and real affliction have been so exhausted in our waking moments that they have not strength enough left to make themselves manifest amid the throng of other and "less used up" emotions, which come trooping from their psychic lairs.

"How often," says Goethe, "have I fallen asleep in tears, and beautiful forms and faces have come to give me peace and comfort in my dreams!" The mystics seem to have realized something of this long before the scientists discovered it; for they say that no matter what our waking fortunes may be, to dream of beauty is a most favorable omen. It means for the dreamer peace and plenty; success in his enterprise and the love of those dear to him. In this connection may be mentioned the theory of the scientists that dreams are necessary mental relief; a sort of safety valve to avoid the too high pressure of those unnumbered thoughts and emotions which have accumulated in the psychic "unconscious" and are always seeking expression.

RADIATES TOO MUCH CHEER

Mr. Goslington Finds He Has a Complaint to Make Against Man in the Next Room.

"The man in the room next to mine," said Mr. Goslington, "begins to sing as soon as he gets up. He has slept well, he feels refreshed, the whole world looks bright to him, and he has now pleasurable anticipations of breakfast. He feels impelled to sing and he does sing."

"Not loudly; he is very thoughtful, he doesn't want to disturb anybody; he sings softly to himself and he thinks that nobody else can hear him. But at that hour, in the general stillness, his soft singing comes to me as plainly and is quite as disturbing as the humming of a bee."

"Sometimes he whistles in tones soft and low, meant to be flute-like, and he enjoys his own whistling as much as he does his own singing, and he thinks that nobody can hear it, but upon me, his intended-to-be low, flute-like tones have the same effect as the sharp notes of a fife and they wake me as surely."

"One of the finest things in the world is a cheerful spirit. The cheerful man is a help to everybody with whom he comes in contact. But might it not be said of cheerfulness, as of many another good thing, that it is possible to have too much of it?" "Far be it from me to wish that some great grief might descend upon my cheerful neighbor, but I do wish he wouldn't turn on his cheerfulness so early in the morning."

Cigar-Store Indian Sign.

In place of oldtime symbols of trade now flashes the brilliant electric sign. The origin of the cigar store Indian dates back to Sir Walter Raleigh and his relation to the English settlers in our sunny South. These fortune seekers, visiting the unknown new world in the seventeenth century, and for the first time in the history of the white race learning the use of the tobacco weed, from the North American Indian, symbolized this industry by the red man's figure. Many a man today wishes for the patch of ale Raleigh's servant hysterically threw over his master "who was on fire." In this manner the tobacco weed made its historical appearance into England, and we have to thank the Red Man for this art.

Gold Reef Slowly Built.

Perhaps sixty million years have passed since the Great Barrier reef of Australia was the beach of an ancient sea, its sands containing gold brought down by the rivers. By geologic causes it has been tired up, and the sands have become quartzite rock which looks like dark gray outcrops, with whitish pebbles thickly scattered through it. It is the vast quantities of this ore available that have made the mines of the Rand the greatest gold producers the world has ever known, modern scientific methods rendering practicable the extraction of the precious metal at a cost of only 38 per ton of the raw material.

How Huntington Worked.

Edwin L. Sabin, in his volume, "Building the Pacific Railway," pays the following tribute to Collis Potter Huntington: "Gifted in mind, form and features, he early proved himself a man of most tenacious purpose, and as a consummate manipulator of affairs when dealing with his fellow men. Activity characterized his whole course; but I do not work hard, I work easy," was a significant phrase."

Used Beer to Mix Mortar.

In England, in the days when beer was cheaper than it is now, it sometimes used to be mixed with mortar, which was supposed to enhance the durability of the building where it was used. Moreover, mortar could be made with beer during frosty weather, when water could not be used. William Andrews, the antiquarian, says in his "Famous Facts" that "a tradition still lingers in Berkshire respecting the famous Bees of Hardwick to the effect that a fortune teller told her that her death would not happen so long as she continued building. She refused to be moved several noble structures, in Hardwick and Chatsworth, the death occurred in 1697, during a severe frost, when the workmen could not continue their labors, although they mixed their mortar with beer."

Uganda's Fauna.

Fauna of Uganda is probably unparalleled in variety and importance in any other country in the world. On the lakes are found a great number of water birds, storks, cranes, herons, dambooses, geese, and ducks, but the forest is perhaps the huge eagles which prey on the fish, of which there is a great variety. Hippopotami and crocodiles haunt all the waters in the country. On land elephants are found in large numbers; buffaloes are found near the swamps; wild boars, hyenas, leopards, and antelopes infest the woods, where smaller creatures such as squirrels, gray parrots, monkeys, and guinea fowl are found. In the wild and more open country to the north there are rhinoceroses, zebras, ostriches and many varieties of antelope.

Highest Type of Courage.

The best examples of heroism are found in everyday life. To keep steadily on in the face of obstacles takes courage. There's little in life's commonplaces to awaken poetry, but there's much to challenge admiration. With neither flag nor drum beat many an heroic soul fights against odds that seem to leave no chance for success. Yet when the soul is headed right it knows neither retreat nor defeat. It has learned only to move forward. No matter how hard the struggle is, it keeps on. In the face of severest trials great advances have been made. When poverty rises to shake off its fetters through an attempt to serve humanity it challenges to unequal combat and wins in proportion to the justice of its cause.

Mythical Corvina Stone.

The corvix or corvina is the name of an imaginary stone that belongs to the superstitions of long ago. According to the old superstition this stone will cause the owner to be both rich and honored. It was to be obtained in this manner: Take the eggs from a crow's nest, and boil them hard, then replace them in the nest, and the mother will go in search of the stone in order to revivify her eggs. After the mother crow had brought the wonderful stone to her nest, it was of course to be taken from her, and the robber of the nest would become rich and honored.

Human Life Grows Longer.

The ancient traditions of patriarchal life extending to many centuries are founded on the very reverse of scientific evidence, and instead of life in the past being longer than it is now, it has been shown that since the famous palmist gave human life its limits of three score years and ten, human life has grown longer with civilization. In fact, in civilized countries the average length of life has been on the increase for three centuries. The scientific teaching of right living is, on the whole, yielding good results.

"Hello" Old Wolf Call.

The old wolf hunter's call was used in France first and afterward in England, but there are no wolves in England now and the bugle call has been forgotten in both countries, therefore we "paint it green and call it our own." French was spoken in English court circles, so the titled wolf hunters used the French cry of "bah le lou" or "a le lou" (loping being pronounced loo), the cry being "a la loo," the English put on the H and made it halloo, and we made it hell-o, which is an American expression, as all the telephone girls know.—Boys' Life.

Our year 1920 is the year 5690 of the Jewish calendar. The Jewish era reckons from the creation, 3,760 years and three months before the commencement of the Christian era. The Jewish year consists of either twelve or thirteen months of twenty-nine or thirty days. The civil year commences with the month, Tisri, immediately after the new moon following the autumnal equinox; the ecclesiastical year begins with Nisan. The year 5690 began September 25, 1919.

Frog Slept Seven Years.

After lying dormant for seven years in the solid concrete of a sewer manhole in Lodi, Cal., a frog took an hour's snubnath and then hopped away, according to the foreman of a gang of laborers repairing the streets there. The duration of the frog's long sleep was determined by the fact that the manhole was constructed seven years ago and had not been disturbed until torn out during the recent reconstruction work.

HOLY CITY NOW FORGOTTEN

Established by Mormons on Island in Lake Michigan, It Was of Considerable Importance.

The Wisconsin State Historical society is preparing a history of the Mormons who settled in and around the state during the middle of the nineteenth century. The history will contain much new material concerning the early Mormons who settled in Illinois and built their sacred city of Nauvoo, just above Keokuk.

After the death of Joseph Smith leader of the Mormons, in 1844, one of the claimants to the succession was James J. Strang of Burlington, Wis., who was converted to Mormonism in 1843 by missionaries who came to Burlington. Strang soon gained a holy city at Voree, where his followers made their headquarters, sent out missionaries and became successful rivals to the Brigham Young movement in Utah.

About 1849 Strang moved his followers to Beaver Island in Lake Michigan where he built a new sacred city, and had his headquarters from 1849 to 1856. The city of St. James was the most important between Detroit and Milwaukee. Strang met death at the hands of two of his followers. He left no successor, and the Gentiles, profiting by the confusion, descended on his domain and looted it. The inhabitants were forced to leave with such of their possessions as they could carry, and were deported by boat to Chicago and Milwaukee. The church built up by Strang was thus destroyed. It is estimated that of this branch of the Mormons less than two hundred now remain.

SUGAR FROM TREE AND FIELD

Years Ago People Got Sweetening Material From the Maple and the Watermelon.

As long ago as 1791 Dr. Benjamin Rush put before the Philosophical society of Philadelphia an earnest proposal to use maple sugar pointing out that "for a great number of years many hundred private families in New York and Pennsylvania have supplied themselves plentifully with this sugar during the whole year."

The year before that the United States had bought over 17,500,000 pounds of brown sugar, and more than 200,000 pounds of other varieties from the West Indies. Seven years after Doctor Rush made his appeal the brown sugar importation amounted to nearly 67,000,000 pounds and the loaf sugar exceeded 20,500,000 pounds. At that time somebody in Philadelphia succeeded in obtaining sugar from watermelons, getting half a pint of sirup by gradually boiling the strained pulp and juice of a melon that weighed 14 pounds. This led J. B. Bordley an agricultural writer, to compute in a book published in 1801 that an acre of watermelons would yield \$143 worth of sirup.

Anti-Aircraft Fire Control.

The army officer assigned to the anti-aircraft artillery has hitherto been regarded by his comrades of the line as a mathematical prodigy, with head full of figures, formulas, and mystic symbols. Now appears a mechanical apparatus prepared to do most of his calculations for him, says the Popular Mechanics magazine in an illustrated article. Over a terrain board hangs an object which is moved in exact correspondence with the flight of the hostile air craft. From this object cords stretch down to positions of friendly batteries and searchlights. Here the cords wind on registering drums to show the range in yards from each station to the target. Similarly, at each gun or searchlight station is a vertical quadrant, permitting the angle of elevation to be read at a glance.

Ship's Remarkable Record.

Twenty years on a reef in Magellan straits has in no way incapacitated the four-master, Alejandrina, which has just docked in New York with a cargo of wool from Patagonia, valued at \$1,500,000. For a score of years the huge bulk of the vessel lay on a reef at the southern point of South America, exposed to all the elements, but so well constructed that, after a 92-day voyage from the graveyard to New York, examination in dry dock showed her practically undamaged. The tall masts of the ship would not permit her to pass under the Brooklyn bridge.

Congress has set apart 1,116,000 acres of land in Idaho known as the Thunder mountain region as a national forest land. This great tract, difficult of access and having not over one per cent of its area suitable for agriculture, has for years been the scene of destructive fires and devastation due to overgrazing. It is now to be added to the Payette National forest, which adjoins it on the south, and west, and the Idaho National forest, which adjoins it on the north and west.

Institution of Phonetics Planned.

The University of London is planning to build an institution of phonetics at a cost of \$900,000, where seventy assistants would be engaged in research work on the 1,000 languages of the British empire. The scheme which originated with Daniel Jones, head of the phonetic department of the university, calls for the expenditure of \$2,500,000.



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- 5 rooms, bath, Lock Four. 3000
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- 5 rooms, 3-4 acres, Maple creek 3000
- 1 good building lot, Crest Ave. 1300
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SENSATIONAL Half Price Sale BERRYMAN'S Ready-to-Wear Stock Turned Loose

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"My nerves were so broken down I couldn't sleep nights and worried so much I just knew I must get something to give me strength to look after the house and children. My husband died and I was all wrought up, so I went down to the drug store and asked them what I should take. They told me that customers were being helped wonderfully by Earle's Hypo-Cod and said they knew from this that it was the best tonic I could get, so I took a bottle home and it does do what they say. It built me up and gave me strength. I quieted my nerves and did just what they said it was doing for everybody who used it. I'm giving it to my children now because I want them to be strong and robust and in perfect health all during the winter and spring," continued Mrs. Mary Maloney, 715 Park Avenue, Youngstown, O.

Being sick is a mighty expensive luxury these days. It is safer and wiser to let the whole family take a dose of Earle's Hypo-Cod just before meals for a few days. It fortifies their system, enriches their blood, builds them up. Go right down to the drug store and secure a couple bottles of Earle's Hypo-Cod and see what a splendid preparation it really is.

Earle's Hypo-Cod is sold here by Hennings Drug Store and the leading druggists in all nearby towns. Price \$1.25 plus 5c war tax.

Miss Isabelle Dorbritz, of the Mail clerical force, who has been detained at home for the past three weeks by illness, is progressing nicely toward recovery. With the consent of her physicians she hopes to be able to attend the concert of the Washington and Jefferson College musical club at the High school auditorium, Thursday Feb. 5.

The Monongahela High basketball team suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of the Duquesne High on the floor of the latter team Tuesday evening. The score was 27 to 22. The Monongahela team has games away from home with Monessen, and Donora, while they play Charleroi and Duquesne on their home floor.

MAY MEAN MORE COAL ACTIVITIES

By a deed dated January 23, 1920, the Harbison-Walker Refractories company, of Pittsburgh, has transferred to the Pittsburgh Coal company a tract of 30.025 acres in Carroll and Union townships, the consideration being \$135,726.70. The same parties are also principals in another deal whereby the refractories company transfers to the coal company another tract of 42.723 acres in Carroll township, the consideration being \$4,273.30.

Just what significance attaches to these deals is a question. The refractories company also has a considerable amount of coal output from that locality. It is not likely the coal company would pay such a large price for acreage merely for investment, particularly when the property is not now productive.

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SHOE FIRM WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

The store room of Claybaugh & Milliken, shoe dealers, at 419 McLennan avenue, following a sale which is now under way and which is to continue for a period of ten days, will undergo a complete overhauling and remodeling.

These changes have been in contemplation by the firm for some time and it was finally decided that the present was most favorable to put the plans of the proprietors into execution. The constantly increasing trade of this shoe house makes it imperative that more room be secured in order to take care of the business which is coming in greater increasing volume from season to season and plans to that end have been in contemplation for some time.

It is proposed, once the changes are under way to make the store room wider, put in new shelves, take out the entrance to the basement, which is now in the middle of the store room and move it over to one side, thus securing additional space at a point where it will be most valuable. The ceiling of the room will be redecorated, while all the interior woodwork will be repainted and grained in gray.

In addition to these changes new furniture and fixtures of the latest and most approved pattern will be installed, both for the comfort and convenience of the patrons as well as the employees of the store. An additional feature, and one which it is believed will add much to the attractiveness of the room, will be the baseboard, which it is proposed to construct of white carrara glass, which will harmonize in a most pleasing manner with the gray interior which the managers propose.

When all of these changes have been completed, which it is hoped will be by early spring, Claybaugh & Milliken expect to have one of the finest retail shoe rooms in the valley.

MONONGAHELA "Y" BUYS DESIRABLE PROPERTY

The Y. M. C. A. of Monongahela on Tuesday closed a deal by which it came into possession of a piece of property on Fourth street in that city, upon which eventually they hope to erect a building which will be properly equipped for the work of the Association. The lot, on which is erected a two-story brick residence, is 60x120 feet, and is situated on a prominent corner near the business center of the city. The price paid was \$10,000 and the directors of the association hope to make arrangements in a short time to make temporary use of the property. The transaction has given renewed hope to members of the organization that ultimately the organization will be properly equipped to take up the work for which the association was formed there.

OBJECTIONS WITHDRAWN TO THE LILLEY WILL

It is stated now that the estate of Thomas Lilley, late of East Pike Run township, who died recently, leaving an estate estimated to be worth \$2,500,000, will be settled without court litigation. Subsequent to his death caveats were filed protesting against the probate of any will or the issuance of any letters. They will left for probate, very unusual in its makeup and its form of bequests was held up for a time due to these caveats. The caveats have now been withdrawn and the will admitted to probate.

PLANNING FOR REUNION OF 28TH DIVISION

The city of Augusta, Ga., is planning for a reunion of the Twenty-eighth Division of the United States Army, to be held in that city next August. The Twenty-eighth was made up of the old National Guard of Pennsylvania, and for seven months trained in the southern Georgia city, where many warm friendships were created between the men of the north and the people of the south. It is now proposed to further cement these ties by a great reunion to be held the coming summer.

The Frances Willard Class of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Courtwright on Seventh street, Friday evening.

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RETURNS FROM VACATION SPENT IN FLORIDA

W. W. Hawkins of Fredericktown one of the directors of the poor, has returned from Florida, where he has been for some time recuperating, following a severe sickness. He has not yet been able to go to Washington. Due to his absence no permanent organization of the poor board for this year has been effected.

It may be presumed that the fourteen Allies who signed the peace in Paris did so without further discussion of the fourteen points.

USING BESSEMER ENGINES ON MONON DIV.

The railroad administration has assigned fifteen Bessemer Lake Erie locomotives to the Pittsburgh Division of the Pennsylvania railroad, eastern lines. Most of these engines are being used on the Monongahela division.

Marriage license was issued in Pittsburgh on Wednesday to Albert H. Bangor of Charleroi and May L. Hartman of Monongahela.

There was never a "revolving fund" large enough to satisfy the demands of a government railroad management.

Saltiness of the Sea.

Some seas and parts of seas are saltier than others. The water near the bottom is saltier than that near the surface, but the lighter upper layers vary greatly. Where much fresh water flows in the saltiness is diluted, and where excessive evaporation occurs it remains above the average amount. Experiments show, however, that mineral matters dissolved in sea water amount on the average to about three and a half per cent by weight. In other words, each thousand pounds of midocean water would, if boiled away, yield about 35 pounds of mineral matters. Of this amount, 27 1/4 pounds would be common salt, 5 1/2 pounds salts of magnesium, and the remainder small quantities of lime and other substances, the latter of importance to marine plants and animals.

Odd Christmas Beliefs.

If you wished to keep your cattle in good health, the best method of accomplishing this end was to give them something to drink before entering your house immediately after midnight mass on Christmas eve, was an old belief, and unless you desired to bring misfortune on your entire family, it was considered advisable not to bake any bread between December 25 and the festival of the Circumcision. With regard to bread-it was also believed that those loaves which were baked on Christmas eve remained fresh for ten years, and during the whole of the holidays, a portion of bread was left out on a table night and day because it was thought that the Madonna might come in to share it.

Have a Purpose, and Stick.

You can't change jobs periodically and rise to the top. A vacillating purpose may keep a fellow pretty busy, but few real credits accrue for the effort. What is gained today is lost tomorrow. The facing about means retreating your steps. That means you are getting back to the point you started from. This may be necessary if you were once headed in the wrong direction. Then, of course you must get back to start in right. But this double tracking requires lots of effort and you get nowhere. You can't afford much of it. At best life's battles are hard to fight and the road is largely uphill. The wise man is careful to make every step contribute to progress.—Exchange.

Great Scientist's Schooldays.

When Sir Oliver Lodge was a very small boy he did not make that progress which might have been expected of a potential genius. Possibly the methods employed by his school teacher had something to do with this, for he kept a short cane inside his boot and used it lavishly upon his small charges. Young Oliver himself averaged about three cuts a day, and his little hands grew so tender that he could not hold a pen for half an hour after each caning. The instruction given at this school was entirely in classics. It has been suggested that this may have been what decided Oliver Lodge to go in for science.

Beginnings of Handwriting.

In the opinion of some ancient writers the credit of the invention of the art of handwriting was due to the patriarch Moses, but accepting the once popular chronology, it has since been proved that a much greater antiquity can be claimed for the art. From historical and archeological records it is evident that communication by means of hieroglyphics, like many other inventions, and even philosophies, sprang up simultaneously in various nations, separated by long distances, at about the same period.

Berryman's Sensational Half Price Sale of Ready-to-wear garments Saturday and Monday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

PUSHING WORK ON CRESCENT TIPPLE

The steamer Transit of the Pittsburgh Coal company, which has been out of commission since last spring, was taken to the Crescent mine on Tuesday by the steamer Jim Brown, where it will replace the steamer Fallie which has been doing duty as a quarter boat, housing men engaged in rebuilding the Crescent tipple, which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago. The Fallie will take the place of the steamer Carbon which is disabled, having a cracked cylinder. Work on the Crescent tipple is being rushed as fast as possible, as the output from these mines is very important and badly needed at the present time.

PREPARE PLANS FOR FEBRUARY RALLY

A meeting was held in Monessen on Tuesday, January 20th, of the Woman's Benefit Association Marathion Club of the valley, Mrs. Mary T. Hardwick, district deputy, presiding. Delegates from Donora, Belle Vernon, Bentleyville and Charleroi were present and plans were made for a rally to be held in Donora on the 19th of February, at which time a class initiation is expected to take place.

Berryman's Ready-to-wear stock turned loose, look for the Big Sensational Half Price Sale Saturday and Monday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

TRAFFIC RULES IN FORCE AT NO THREE

Due to the congestion of traffic at Lock No. 3, caused by the sinking of the steamer Sailor in the inner chamber two weeks ago, traffic regulations have been announced by the government engineers, effective today. Under this regulation "double headers" will be permitted if they do not in any way interfere with the passage of other steamers into the lock.

POOL ROOMS ARE OBEYING REGULATIONS

Chief Albright reports that all of the pool rooms of the town are complying with the new regulations concerning keeping their front windows clear of all screens and obstructions. The time for complying with this regulation expires on the first of the month, and any proprietors of rooms found who have not obeyed the order will be called before the Burgess for an explanation.

BELLE VERNON PASTOR CALLED TO BRADDOCK

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Wood, former pastor of the Belle Vernon Christian church, has accepted a call to the First Christian church of Braddock. He will succeed the Rev. Harry Robertson, who will enter evangelistic work.

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FOUND—Automobile chain. Owner can have same by calling at this office. 200-t1p

NO "FLU" EPIDEMIC IN PENNSYLVANIA

Influenza reports received on Wednesday by the state health department from ten counties show 318 new cases with nine of these pneumonia and seven deaths. The reports did not indicate an epidemic, and from the number of reports received department heads were inclined to believe there are comparatively few new cases in the state.

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FELT THAT HE WAS IMMUNE

Soldier's Number Being on Shell That Failed to Explode, He Had No More Fear.

A man in one of the infantry regiments in No Man's land was taking up as little room in a shell hole as possible during a hot fight, with everything singing overhead. At last a German shell landed right in the hole with him, but did not explode. As soon as he recovered from his fright and could think again, he took a look at the shell and found it was a dud (a shell with defective fuse which does not explode). Next he noticed the number on the shell, and something about it struck him as being peculiar. It was 1217.413.

He reached inside his shirt and pulled out his identification disc. The number which stared him in the face was 1217.413. He walked out of the shell hole and back to his lines with the bullets singing all about him, but was not hit. He reported to his commanding officer with a salute and a smile.

"Captain," he said, "ask me to do anything now. They had one with my number on it, and it was a dud."

MADE GREAT AIRMAN WONDER

French Expert's Peculiar Explanation Concerning Daring Exploit of American Aviators.

Albert Wolff, the famous French musical composer, won fame in the field of aviation during the world war. He had an experience with American dash and fearlessness that is well told in the New York Times.

"At Blancinesnil," says Wolff, "we were in close communication with the American commander. I'll send 24 American pilots over to get 'em.' I went to my superior officer. 'It can't be done,' I said. 'These planes are all Salmons, a new machine, and quite different. They will all be smashed and the men killed.' It was too late to call a halt, however. The Americans came. I explained as well as I could the differences between the Salmons and the planes they were accustomed to, and away they went. All got away without mishap, and I said: 'The good God is with them.' But when word was telephoned back that they had all landed without a crash or a single accident to themselves or the planes, then I said: 'They must have the devil on their side into the bargain.' I really must see one of your football games!"

Slave Traffic Still Exists.

Slave traffic along the Arab coast is illegal under the terms of certain conventions, but slavery, nevertheless, is said still to exist to a rather considerable extent. A few years ago members of the American Arabian mission at Bahrain rescued a whole boatload of black boys who had been smuggled up from Africa for sale along the Oman coast. In the interior towns slaves are used mostly as personal servants, bodyguards and hostlers. By an old law in Arabia, a slave is freed after seven years of service, provided he has embraced the Moslem religion, and it is said that most of the slaves do so. There is no prejudice against marriage with blacks in Arabia, especially after they are freed. This intermarriage has scattered a black population all over Arabia. In ports like Muskat and Aden mulattoes and mixed breeds are so common that the pure Arab strain is almost a rarity.

Degrees in Commerce.

Commercial education is to receive new impetus at the University of London, where degrees in commerce are to be inaugurated in the near future. There are to be two degrees: First, that of bachelor of commerce; which would correspond to the same degree in the other faculties; and, secondly, the degree of master of commerce. The salient idea is that a modern language is to be taught, not as an academic, but as a practical subject, says the United States bureau of education. Among the languages which are to be taught as practical rather than academic subjects would be Polish, Czech, Rumanian, modern Greek, and the great eastern languages, Hindustani, Chinese and others.

Boy's Exploit Remarkable.

A twenty-four hours' battle with death ended at San Francisco with the arrival of the little schooner S. N. Castle, a thirteen-year-old boy at her helm, bringing to safety his father, the captain, his sick mother, and a crew of three men.

The Castle, a three-masted schooner, was 94 days from Apia with a cargo of copra. Three days from the Samoan port the Castle started leaking and shipping seas at the rate of twelve feet a day. The donkey engine was started to run the pumps and the cargo of copra fed as fuel.

Harry Anderson, 13, manned the ship while his father worked with the men at the pumps.

Labor Shortage Hit Gold Mining.

Twenty-five gold lode mines were operated in Alaska in 1918, according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior. There was also a production of seven prospects—abandoned mines or small mines that were not in regular operation. The value of the gold lode output decreased from \$4,581,453 in 1917 to \$3,478,817 in 1918, owing partly to the disaster at the Treadwell mine in April, 1917, and partly to curtailment of operations, especially in the Juneau district, because of shortage of labor.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

SCHOLARS TO GET RECORDS

Attendants of Welsh Schools and Colleges Will Embark on an Interesting Experiment.

Wales, through her schools, is about to launch an experiment. Schools and colleges have been invited to make a collection of all the Welsh field, place and road names, including those of lanes, hills, woods, mountains and dykes, and to mark on the six-inch Ordnance map the spots to which the names are attached.

A fund has been placed at the disposal of the Welsh department to provide the materials for the records, which will be collated by the board of Celtic studies in connection with the university of Wales, and deposited in the Welsh library.

Each school is recommended to retain a duplicate of the record, which can be added to from time to time. Space is provided for supplemental information on such matters as the existence of rural industries; the survival of old or curious customs or crafts; peculiar words or pronunciations; local proverbs or quaint sayings; the use of old agricultural implements; particulars of interesting local "characters" who may have been distinguished by their abilities, their benefactions, or their services during the war.

Though it is intended for Wales, there is no reason why a similar scheme should not be put into force in the other parts of the United Kingdom. The framers of the scheme have hit upon a method of making the teaching of history and geography a very living thing, of great educational and national value.—London Mail.

CREDIT GHOST WITH WRECK

Devon People Believe Sight of Spanish Flag on British Ship Angered Admiral Drake.

Anyone who knows the villages of the west of England will be aware that they are a fertile soil for all manner of superstitious beliefs. And the process of creating new legends has evidently not yet come to an end, if we may accept a statement made at Exeter, at which various speakers recounted the traditions of their respective localities. A few years ago the battle ship Montague was wrecked on Lundy island, as she was entering the Bristol channel in a fog. The people of the neighborhood, we are told, have no doubt that she was lured to her doom by the spirit of Sir Francis Drake. She happened to be flying the Spanish flag in honor of the marriage of King Alphonso and Princess Eva. This the proud ghost of Devon's great seaman could not brook, and he made her pay the penalty by running her upon the rocks.—Manchester Guardian.

Easy.

"Now, children," the teacher said, "suppose we wished to go to Calcutta, how would we proceed? You tell us, Tommie!"

"I'd get on the train and go to New York," Tommie responded promptly, then paused.

"Yes?" the teacher encouraged.

"Then I'd get a steamship," Tommie answered and sat down.

"But you haven't told us the route you would follow," teacher protested. Again Tommie rose.

"Oh, I would not butt in on that," he declared. "I'd leave that to the ship captain, 'cause he'd likely have been there before and, besides, I believe in leaving all technical matters to experts."

Cat Rules the Roost.

Gold Hill, Ore. has a cat that has the distinction of "ruling the roost." Several months ago a half-starved and wild kitten made its appearance in a pen of chickens at a home in the suburbs and fed with inmates of the enclosure. It has become quite docile since but never comes within reach of a person, still feeds with the chickens, which have a foud attachment for it, sleeps in the nests at night and during the daytime occupies the nest while the hens are laying.

Recently the cat repelled a skunk that attempted to invade the henery and caused it to be treed by the house dog, which held it at bay till morning, when it was killed. The fur netted the boy of the family \$5.

Airplane Muffler.

Like all healthy youngsters, the airplane is a noisy affair. Propeller and engine unite to produce a roar that always make conversation difficult, and, in time of war, supplies to a keener enemy a sure warning of impending danger. Designers are seeking to mitigate the evil, and so far, though unable to "deaden the whirr" of the propeller, have produced numerous featherweight mufflers to silence the engine exhaust. The attachment has now passed the experimental stage, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine, in an illustrated article, showing a French war airplane equipped with a standard muffler.

Chinese Shoes.

The Chinese are gradually adopting the European style of footwear. At the present time, almost 40 per cent of the footwear in China is reported to be of European style. Domestic factories of which Canton has twenty, Hongkong five and nearly every port of China at least one, are chiefly for the manufacture of the red leather used for the soles of the native shoes. The uppers of native shoes are generally made from cloth or, as imitation box oaks.

Going Back to the Beginning.

The first hole that early man made in a piece of shell or stone was by a blow of a stone hammer, which happened to strike in such a way as to knock out a small bit of the stone or shell, says Dr. Clifford Harby Levy. When this man saw the hole and noted its convenience, he slipped the sinew of a deer into the shell or stone and hung it around his neck as an ornament. Others began to ask themselves how they could make holes in things and, taking a bit of pointed stone, they worked with that until the hole was drilled.

Ranked High in Literature.

"O. Henry," whose real name was William Sydney Porter, was born at Greensboro, N. C., in 1862. After leaving school he spent a number of years wandering in the southern and southwestern states, and engaged in a varied journalistic career. He finally settled in New York city, where some of his best works were written. For some time he was a fugitive in South America because of financial difficulties in which he became involved. He died June 6, 1910.

Tasmania.

The island of Tasmania, formerly called Van Diemen's Land, lies off the south coast of Australia. It has an area of 26,385 square miles. It is covered by a network of ridges, termed locally tiers, which enclose a multitude of small plains and valleys. The principal industries are agriculture, mining, stock-raising and some manufacturing. Tasmania is a state in the commonwealth of Australia. It has a population of two hundred thousand. The exports are wool, gold, silver, tin, timber, fruit, jam, hops and hides.

Wonders of the Heavens.

People in the southern hemisphere see different stars, but there are some constellations which are visible at different times of the year in both hemispheres. If the earth axis kept always perpendicular to the plane of its orbit, the constellations would ever be seen in the southern hemisphere, but as the axis inclines first one way and then the other, some of both sets can be seen at different times.

Morality the Object.

The end of all political struggle is to establish morality as the basis of all legislation. "It is not free institutions, 'tis not a democracy that is the end—no, but only the means. Morality is the object of government. We want a state of things in which crime will not pay; a state of things which allows every man the largest liberty compatible with the liberty of every other man.—Emerson.

Anna, becoming very angry, bit her smaller sister. Her mother, hearing the little child cry, went to see what was the trouble. When she found out she reproached Anna and asked her over what she had become angry. Anna replied: "I wasn't angry, that was righteous indignation."—Chicago American.

Proper View of Peace.

Peace is our proper relation to all men. There is no reason why, as far as we are concerned, we should not be at peace with everybody. If even they are not at peace with us, we may be at peace with them. Let them look to their own hearts, we have only to do with our own.—J. B. Mosley.

Cutting Glass Circles.

It is possible to break out circles of glass, such as lenses for headlights, by making a number of straight cuts from the edge of the glass and breaking these sections out one at a time. Be careful not to cut inside the line of the circle to be cut.

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TWO CENTS

COUNTY TAX RATE MAY HAVE TO BE RAISED TO 7 1-2 MILLS

Increase In All Costs Make It Necessary to Get More Money

SHOULD HAVE RAISED IN 1919

County Controller J. J. Underwood who on Wednesday completed his 1920 budget for Washington county, estimates the rate of taxation to furnish a sum to cover the expenses during the coming year will have to be 7 1-2 mills. This was announced following a conference with the county commissioners on Tuesday, when it was stated the rate of taxation would be at least seven mills.

To furnish funds for all departments Controller Underwood states that a grand total of \$1,250,810.25 will be necessary. Cash on hand available for the general fund is \$66,231.42. Receipts from various sources will increase this to \$214,816.75, leaving \$1,035,993.50 which must be raised by taxes.

On the basis of \$133,000,000 valuation on taxable property in the county, a levy of 7 1-2 mills will be required to raise the sum. This, if approved by the county commissioners, will mean an increase of two and three-quarter mills over the past four years.

Road improvements, the institution of the new orphans court, increases in salaries for the county employees, advances in the cost of materials of all kinds, higher rates of mileage for constables, and a raise to be made in the amount to be paid to witnesses and jurors, all contribute to cause the cost of administration in the county's business to increase.

Controller Underwood says that part of the increase is made necessary to cover a deficit through expenditures exceeding amounts asked for by commissioners to be put in the budget last year, and part of the increase is caused by existing conditions over which the county officials have no control.

The Controller further said that it was probably not policy last year to raise the millage on account of election results, but good business judgment he says would have been to raise the millage a little rather than to pay 6 per cent on borrowed money.

However, it is very apparent, with the increased cost of administration, together with the proposed road program of the county commissioners, that millage in the county will have to be raised to a considerable extent in order to meet the expenditures made necessary by modern demands. While no appropriation will be necessary this year to meet interest charges on the road bond issue of \$1,000,000, it will have to be taken care of next year, as the commissioners contemplate issuing at least \$500,000 for road work this coming summer.

Use the Classified column.

MONONGAHELA FIREMEN TO HOLD A BAZAAR

The Monongahela firemen have arranged for a bazaar, which will be held in the State Armory, Second street, all of next week. The Monongahela firemen are collecting a fund with which to purchase a new and modernly equipped fire truck, and the money realized from the bazaar will be applied to that purpose. The company already has quite a sum raised already for that purpose, and they hope to swell the amount by several hundred dollars the coming week.

DR. REPMAN AS BURGESS PRO TEM

Major H. J. Repman, President of the Borough Council by virtue of his office, assumed the duties of Burgess temporarily Wednesday evening, owing to the absence of the executive head of the municipality. Dr. Repman was not aware that this duty devolved upon him until it was called to his attention by Chief Albright, who requested his presence at the Burgess' office in the municipal building to hear the details of a disturbance which occurred between two families on Third street.

The prosecutor was Zephiri Libions, and the defendant was Mrs. Adel Clasis. It appears that Libions and his family are tenants in the house owned by Mrs. Clasis at the corner of Third street and Meadow avenue. The owner desires to have the tenants move out, which they do not care to do. Mrs. Libions takes some washing and according to the testimony given before Burgess pro tem Repman, Mrs. Clasis cut the clothes line used by Mrs. Libions, had blocked the way against them getting coal and later had chased the plaintiff into her rooms, striking one of her children over the head with a clothes pin bag.

Major Repman endeavored to have the contending parties patch up their difference, but without avail, and as a consequence he imposed a fine of \$1 and costs on the defendant, which amounted to \$5, admonishing them, however, that any further proceedings would have to be taken up before a justice of the peace.

GRAND JURY WILL MEET MONDAY NEXT

The grand jury for the February term of criminal court will be convened next Monday afternoon. It will be the first sitting of the grand jury with District Attorney Erwin Cummins, and his first term as prosecuting attorney. There are approximately 80 cases for presentment to the grand jury.

Blackburn's Dancing School of Pittsburgh, Pa., will give a dance every Tuesday evening in Might's Hall. Class 7 to 8:30. Dancing 8:30. Jenkins Orchestra. 186tf

Another Steel Company Has Adopted Water Transportation

At a meeting of the directors of the LaBelle Iron Works, held in the barges will be placed in operation on Wednesday it was decided to eliminate railroad transportation as much as possible by placing a fleet of barges and steamers on the Ohio river to bring the fuel from their mines in the Monongahela and Allegheny valleys to their plant at Steubenville. The mines are located near Brownsville and Harmarville. According to the official announcement it will be several months before the barges will be placed in operation, as the construction of the barges and towboats could not be completed before the end of the present year. It was said that the river equipment will cost more than \$1,000,000. The fleet will consist of 40 barges and two improved towboats, the barges having a capacity of 600 tons. River improvements will be made at the plant and mines during the coming summer.

DEEPER DRILLING BRINGS MORE GAS

Local investors in shares of gas well stock in the McKeesport district find considerable satisfaction in the statement that the Foster-Brandel well on the Stewart lease was drilled deeper on Wednesday and its flow increased to 12,000,000 or 15,000,000 cubic feet. The well came in Tuesday with a flow variously estimated at 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 cubic feet. Announcement was also made that the Milligan-Kearney well, which came in Tuesday with a flow estimated at 1,000,000 cubic feet, would be drilled to the Bradford sand in hopes of increasing its flow.

The Olympia well, which also came in Tuesday at 2,000,000 feet, had increased its flow on Wednesday under continued drilling to 4,000,000 feet. Drilling will be continued through the Speechley sand, it is said.

Mrs. Emma Dawson will leave this evening for Carpenter Springs, Florida, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Phillips, of New Waterford, Ohio. They will visit with their sister, Mrs. Lydia Gray, of that place, and expect to remain through February. During Mrs. Dawson's absence Miss Grace Heppel will be in charge of her store.

Passenger train 7727 from Crutcher due at the Charleroi station at 4:08 p. m., was annulled Wednesday evening, owing to a freight wreck between the West Brownsville and Denbo stations. Passengers who had contemplated boarding this train either had to resort to the street cars or wait until the 5:34.

Emile Dervouch died this morning at 6:10 o'clock, at his home 216 Shady avenue, aged 45 years. Funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Charleroi cemetery.

M. T. Crowley is attending a meeting of the retail marble and granite dealers' association, which is being held today at the Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh.

W. & J. MUSICAL CLUBS TO APPEAR

The combined musical clubs of W. & J. College will appear in concert in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening of next week, February 5. About twenty-five singers and instrumentalists comprise the two organizations, and wherever they have already appeared, their success has been quite pronounced. Charleroi has been privileged to listen to the University of Pittsburgh clubs, and it was felt by those in charge that the W. & J. organization should also be given an opportunity to appear before a local audience. The W. & J. glee club will sing under the direction of Ernest Dorbritz, a former Charleroi high school boy, who is in his senior year at the county seat institution, and we bespeak for him and his fellow students a full house and a hearty reception on the occasion of their appearance here. Tickets are now on sale and may be procured of pupils of the high school. There will be no charge.

FEENEY DENIES BEING REFUSED USE OF HALL

William Feeney in a statement to the Mail this morning, said that he was not denied the use of a hall in Donora to hold a meeting, nor was he requested by Mr. Sasso, steward of the Slovak hall, to leave the building. Organizer McGinley is in charge of the Donora headquarters and he was refused a permit by the Burgess to hold a meeting for the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers, which Mr. Feeney says has a regularly chartered local organization in that town.

Notice P. H. C. Members All desiring to take the trip to Brownsville February 3rd please be present at meeting Friday, January 30th. Order of Committee 199-t3

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CLAIM THAT MINER'S FAMILY BUDGET SHOULD BE \$2,243.94

ALL DEALERS MUST TAKE OUT A LICENSE

Dealers who desire to sell "near" beers in Allegheny county this year must take out a regular liquor license, according to a statement made by John Douglas, Jr., clerk of courts. Any beverage with a percentage of alcohol, however small, must be sold in a licensed place. This statement is in accordance with a ruling of the Washington county district attorney, who said that all dealers in drinks that have any alcoholic contents must take out a retail liquor license.

PREPARE RULES FOR NEW ORPHANS COURT

The rules of practice of the new orphans' court of Washington county, effective February 1, 1920, which have been put in book form, have been received by President Judge Haldan B. Hughes of the orphans' court. These new rules were adopted as the official rules on January 22, 1920. All previous rules adopted are repealed. These rules conform to the codified orphans' court laws and rules of the state, and in preparing them Judge Hughes received information from Philadelphia, Allegheny and other counties in the state.

There will be four terms of the orphans' court each year beginning respectively on the second Monday of February, May, August and November. Each of these shall continue until the date fixed for the next succeeding term. The first Monday of each month, excepting August, shall be regular return day. A regular session of the court will be held every Monday at 10 o'clock, through the year, excepting the five Monday preceding the third Monday in August, for the hearing of petitions and motions and the disposition of current business.

ACCUSE PHYSICIAN OF ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALES

Dr. George M. Bradford, of Mt. Morris, Greene county, was arrested in Pittsburgh on Tuesday by government agents, on a charge of violation of the war time prohibition act. It is alleged that Dr. Bradford was illegally selling whiskey for other than medicinal purposes. One government agent who investigated the activities of Dr. Bradford is alleged to have purchased a quart of whiskey from him, for which he paid \$10. The accused physician gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the May term of the United States District Court.

Blackburn's Dancing School of Pittsburgh, Pa., will give a dance every Tuesday evening in Might's Hall. Class 7 to 8:30. Dancing 8:30. Jenkins Orchestra. 186tf

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HEARING BEFORE COMMISSION

Van Bittner of Pittsburgh, appeared before the Federal Coal Commission on Wednesday on behalf of the miners and took up the alleged excessive profits of the operators and also the cost of living as it exists today. His figures showing the average family budget, were prepared by Prof. W. H. Ogburn, and totaled \$2,243.94 annually. This total, he said, was made up of these items: Food \$768.60; additional food for men engaged in hard work \$32.78; clothing \$455.26; rent \$216; fuel and light \$70; miscellaneous \$376.50. To this he added, in the case of the miner, \$140 for explosives and other supplies \$140.

He differed with the claims of the operators as to the wages of the miners; said there are 304 working days in a year for the miner, and that if he worked steadily throughout the year at \$5 per day, his total income is only \$1,520, or \$723 less than the amount estimated as necessary for the average American family.

As to earnings and rates of pay and their relation to living costs and production, he said that in 1913 there were 478,353,400 tons of coal produced at a total value of \$666,254,000. In 1918 the production was 579,305,000 tons valued at \$1,044,000,000. Since 1913 the tonnage has increased 270 per cent. Setting forth the claims as to the profits made by the operators, Mr. Bittner said the Pittsburgh Coal company in 1914 had a total income available for dividends of \$1,371,059 and that in 1917 its total net income available for dividends was \$14,076,852.

Mr. Bittner presented other statistics which he asserted bore out his claims that the operators had made excessive profits, while the miner was not receiving a wage commensurate with his needs.

MORE WELLS COME IN PRODUCERS

Two more wells came in Tuesday in the McKeesport gas district. The Milligan-Kearney No. 1 was reported "in" with a flow estimated at 500,000 cubic feet. Later the Olympia No. 1 in Snake Hollow came in with a flow of 2,000,000 cubic feet. The erection of rigs on other projects may be delayed in that field temporarily owing to an embargo recently placed by the B. & O. on all shipments made for oil and gas wells in that district. The embargo is to last for ten days.

The Ladies Auxiliary of A. O. H. of Monessen will hold a euchre and dance in the Moose Parlors, Third and Schoonmaker tonight, January 29. 200-t1-p

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